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The Secretary of State, if satisfied that the applicant is the owner of such motor vehicle, or otherwise entitled to have the same registered in his name, shall thereupon issue to the applicant an appropriate certificate of title over his signature, authenticated by a seal to be procured and used for such purpose. Said certificates shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with number one, and shall contain such description and other evidence of identification of said motor vehicle as the Secretary of State may deem proper, together with a statement of any liens or encumbrances which the application may show to be thereon. The charge for each original certificate of title so issued shall be fifty cents, which charge shall be in addition to the charge for the registration of such motor vehicle. Said certificate shall be good for the life of the car so long as the same is owned or held by the original holder of such certificate, and need not be renewed annually, or at any other time except as herein provided. On or before September first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to cause to be printed copies of this act, and to make to every person to whom the Secretary of State, or other officer having the duty of registration of motor vehicles, has issued a certificate of registration for the year nineteen hundred twenty-three, one of such printed copies, accompanied by a blank form of application for a certificate of title.

### SEC. 3. *New certificate required after sale or transfer.*

In the event of the sale or other transfer in this State after October first, nineteen hundred twenty-three, of the ownership of a motor vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued as aforesaid, the holder of such certificate shall indorse on the back of same an assignment thereof, with warranty of title, in form printed thereon, with a statement of all liens or encumbrances on said motor vehicle, and deliver the same to the purchaser or transferee at the time of the delivery to him of such motor vehicle. The purchaser or transferee shall within ten days thereafter present such certificate, assigned as aforesaid, to the Secretary of State, accompanied by a fee of fifty cents, whereupon a new certificate of title shall be issued to the assignee. Said certificate, when so assigned and returned to the Secretary of State, together with any subsequent assignments or reissues thereof, shall be retained by the Secretary of State and appropriately filed and indexed, so that at all times it will be practicable to trace title to the motor vehicles designated therein.

### SEC. 4. *Certificate of title required to operate motor vehicles.*

The owner or any person, without consent of the owner being first obtained, who shall operate a motor vehicle in this State under a registration number of this State after October first,